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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant has amended claim 6 in the amendment filed on 9/30/2005.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-19 are pending in this Office Action.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9-18 are drawn to searching a database classified in class 707, subclass 3.

- II. Claims 4, 5 and 19 is drawn to a database server, classified in class 707, subclass 10.

3. Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, searching a database in invention I can be used to apply a search command for searching a database without via a network. A database server in invention II can be used in transmitting a search command to another database server via a network. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

4. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Applicants are advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).


6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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